



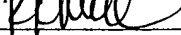
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Title: RETROREFLECTIVE SHEET AND EXTERNAL ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

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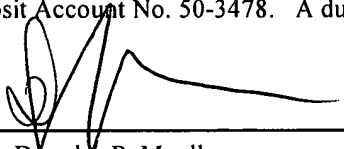
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

JP 2910868 corresponds with US 5,818,640

JP 8-27402 corresponds with US 4,505,967. Please note that US 4,505,967 was cited in an IDS filed February 6, 2006.

An English abstract has been provided for reference JP 51-128293.

A partial English translation has been provided for JP 58-88202.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	US 5,818,640	October 1998	Watanabe et al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 51-128293	November 1976	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 8-27402	March 1996	JAPAN			See IDS	
	JP 58-88202	June 1983	JAPAN			Partial	
	JP 2910868	April 1999	JAPAN				
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							

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